



## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-XXXX; FR ID 130762]

### Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [nicole.ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:nicole.ongele@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele, (202) 418-2991.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-XXXX.

**Title:** Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Transparency Data Collection.

**Form Number:** FCC Form 5651.

**Type of Review:** New information collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 1,755 respondents; 1,755 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 21 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** Annual reporting requirement..

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in section 904 of Division N, Title IX of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law No. 117-58, § 60502(c), 135 Stat. 429, 1243 (2021) and 47 U.S.C. section 1752.

**Total Annual Burden:** 36,855 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** No Cost.

**Needs and Uses:** On November 15, 2021, the President signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (2021), which appropriated \$14.2 billion to expand and modify the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program in the form of a new, longer-term broadband affordability program called the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The Affordable Connectivity Program provides qualifying low-income households with a monthly discount of up to \$30 per month (or up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal Lands) for broadband services, and a one-time \$100 discount on a connected device (tablet, laptop, or desktop computer) from the participating provider with a co-pay of more than \$10 but less than \$50.

The Infrastructure Act also directed the Commission to “issue final rules regarding the annual collection by the Commission of data relating to the price and subscription rates of each internet service offering of a participating provider under the Affordable Connectivity Program . . . to which an eligible household subscribes.” Infrastructure Act, § 60502(c)(1). On November 23, 2022, the Commission adopted a Fourth Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WC Docket No. 21-450, FCC 22-87 (Fourth Report and Order) establishing the ACP Data Collection to satisfy the statutory

collection requirement. The data collection also will allow the Commission to determine the value being provided by the affordable connectivity benefit.

Federal Communications Commission.

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